

The Wilsonville Town Council met in regular session, Monday, July 22, 2013, in the Council Chamber Room at the Wilsonville Town Hall. Mayor Lee McCarty called the meeting to order at 6:03 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Reverend Glenn Wilson.

The following council members answered roll call: Don Davis, Calvin Gill, Ricky Morris, Alan Revis. Dennis Blackerby, Patricia Johnson, and Terry Newman were not present.

The minutes of the July 01, 2013, meeting (mailed to the council members prior to the meeting) were reviewed. Don Davis made a motion to accept the minutes, as presented. Alan Revis seconded, and the motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Ricky Morris, abstain; Alan Revis, yes; Lee McCarty, yes.

Checks were reviewed by the council members immediately before the meeting. Alan Revis made a motion to mail the checks; Don Davis seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Alan Revis, yes; Lee McCarty, yes.

Repairing pot holes was discussed. Shelby County prefers not to carry over work into the new fiscal year, and they are behind now, due to the rainy conditions this spring and summer. Our repair work would be piggybacked on the county contract. Mayor McCarty stated it does not matter to us if the work is carried over. We need to compile a list of all the repair work needed and present it to the county; they would, then, quote a price for the work. The Town also has the option of getting prices from other entities and going ahead with the work. The worst areas are Weldon Street, between Highway 25 and Highway 61, and Brothers Avenue. The mayor also stated Lokey Lane could stand attention; it is currently just tar and gravel. Don Davis made a motion to send the list (Weldon Street, Brothers Avenue, and Lokey Lane) to the county; Ricky Morris seconded. The motion passed with the following vote: Don Davis, yes; Calvin Gill, yes; Ricky Morris, yes; Alan Revis, yes; Lee McCarty, yes.

The proposed bridge project linking Talladega County and Shelby County was discussed. The original proposed route would have entered Shelby County at Perkins Landing, but this has been turned down by Shelby County. An alternate plan is now being proposed, coming from McGowan Ferry Road on the Talladega County side to a point in the area of E. C. Gaston Steam Plant on the Shelby County side. The mayor has received a letter from the Shelby County Commission asking for the opinion of the Town of Wilsonville on the matter. A map was enclosed but does not show the exact location of the road involved entering Highway 25. The placement of the intersection with Highway 25 is necessary before a decision can be made to support or not support the proposal. It was stated the bridge would probably be good for business in Wilsonville. The mayor asked all council members to talk with their constituents and get a feel for the opinion of the townspeople concerning the matter. It will be discussed again at the next meeting.

School safety officer was the next item on the agenda. The mayor attended a meeting with area mayors, the Shelby County superintendent of education, the county manager, and a representative of the Shelby County sheriff's office. Each municipality, in which a Shelby County school is located, is being asked to pay a portion of the cost of a school safety officer. Wilsonville would share an officer with Columbiana and Shelby, which means one officer would be responsible for five schools. Wilsonville is being asked to provide \$2,800.00 a year for this service or be left out of the service. This matter will be discussed again at the next meeting. Once again, the mayor asked the council members to poll their

constituents to get a feel for the opinion of the townspeople about the matter. School resumes classes August 19.

Council Agenda

There were no requests for items for the August 05, 2013, meeting.

Council Comment

Don Davis mentioned the need to raise the pay of the utility clerk and offer paid vacation and sick leave. Mr. Davis made a motion to suspend the rules to consider these matters tonight. There was no second to the motion.

Mayor McCarty stated these issues will be addressed at the budget hearing. The revised policy and procedure book should be in place by then, as well. The vacation and sick leave issue would fall under policy and procedures.

Ricky Morris asked if the Town can look into a house in the River Drive area that is abandoned and falling in. Rats are inhabiting the house, in addition to it looking disreputable. The mayor stated we will look into the ownership of the property and go from there.

Public Comment.

Larry Lowe, Commercial Development Authority, stated there is a problem with the bank building. It has some holes in the brick mortar through which daylight can be seen. He has contacted a brick mason who can fill in the holes on the entire side wall for \$500.00. He is also trying to get information about the termite bond on the building, as well.

Richard Atchison asked if the Whigmaleerie Day celebration will be held this year. The Civitan Board of Directors is meeting tonight, and they will have to decide that issue.

There being no further business to come before the council, Don Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Calvin Gill seconded, and the motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 P. M.

E. L. McCarty, III, Mayor

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